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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1 to 22 (Cancelled)

23. (Currently Amended) A method of using one or more clips when securing a sheet or tarp, comprising the steps of:

slipping the clips into place on a floor, deck or arena cover, with at least one of the clips further comprising two plates, a spacer that connects the plates and that holds the plates apart by a gap, and at least one part of a hook-and-loop fastener attached to at least one of the plates opposite the other of the plates ~~clip of the one or more clips including at least one part of a hook-and-loop type fastener; and~~

attaching the sheet or tarp to the clips via the hook-and-loop type fastener.

24. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 23, wherein the floor, deck or arena cover is an ice cover placed over ice in a hockey arena, and wherein the sheet or tarp is artificial turf.

25. (Cancelled)

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26. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 23 25, wherein the part of the hook-and-loop type fastener is attached to at least one of the plates opposite the other of the plates.

27. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 23 25, wherein the clip further includes a rubberized coating on the other of the plates without the hook-and-loop type fastener, opposite the part of the hook-and-loop type faster on the clip.

28. (Cancelled)

29. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 23 25, wherein the plates are substantially parallel.

30. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 23 25, wherein the plates and the spacer are formed from a steel plate single piece of material.

31. (Cancelled)

32. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 23 25, wherein the plates are square or rectangular shaped.

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Claims 33 to 35. (Cancelled)

36. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 23 ~~25~~, wherein the spacer connects the plates at an edge of each plate.

Claims 37 and 39 (Cancelled)

40. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 23 ~~25~~, wherein the spacer includes one or more holes that can be used to secure the clip using nails or bolts.

41. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 23 ~~25~~, wherein the spacer is adjustable so as to adjust the gap, and further comprising the step of adjusting the gap.

42. (New) Clips and covering for a floor, deck or arena cover, comprising:
one or more of the clips, at least one of the clips further comprising two plates, a spacer that connects the plates and that holds the plates apart by a gap, and at least one part of a hook-and-loop fastener attached to at least one of the plates opposite the other of the plates, with the clips clipped to the floor, deck or arena cover; and
a sheet or tarp attached to the clips via each clip's hook-and-loop type fastener.

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43. (New) Clips and covering as in claim 42, wherein the floor, deck or arena cover is an ice cover placed over ice in a hockey arena, and wherein the sheet or tarp is artificial turf.

44. (New) Clips and covering as in claim 42, wherein for at least one of the clips, the part of the hook-and-loop type fastener is attached to at least one of the plates opposite the other of the plates.

45. (New) Clips and covering as in claim 42, wherein at least one of the clips further includes a rubberized coating on the other of the plates without the hook-and-loop type fastener, opposite the part of the hook-and-loop type faster on the clip.

46. (New) Clips and covering as in claim 42, wherein for at least one of the clips, the plates are substantially parallel.

47. (New) Clips and covering as in claim 42, wherein for at least one of the clips, the plates and the spacer are formed from a steel plate.

48. (New) Clips and covering as in claim 42, wherein for at least one of the clips, the plates are square or rectangular shaped.

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49. (New) Clips and covering as in claim 42, wherein for at least one of the clips, the spacer connects the plates at an edge of each plate.

50. (New) Clips and covering as in claim 42, wherein for at least one of the clips, the spacer includes one or more holes that can be used to secure the clip using nails or bolts.

51. (New) Clips and covering as in claim 42, wherein for at least one of the clips, the spacer is adjustable so as to adjust the gap, and further comprising the step of adjusting the gap.